

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

MEMBER / OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual Financial Disclosure Statement. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed. Please do not file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

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1. Name of Traveler: Bradley James Sherman
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: _____ or None ☒
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: 04/29/2013 Return: 05/05/2013
b. Dates at personal expense: _____ or None ☒
4. Departure city: Washington, DC Destination: Tel Aviv, Israel Return city: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation
6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary):
See attached itinerary for meetings and events attended.
7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box):
a. ☒ a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;
b. ☒ the Primary Trip Sponsor Form completed by the trip sponsor prior to the trip, including all attachments and Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
c. ☒ page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the Member or officer; **and**
d. ☒ the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda. (Signify that statement is true by checking box): ☒
b. If not, explain: _____

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER: _____

Brad Sherman

DATE: 05/20/2013

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This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. *A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within 10 days of their return.* You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
2. Travel Destination(s): Israel
3. Date of Departure: April 29, 2013 Date of Return: May 5, 2013
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Brad Sherman
(NOTE: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.)
5. Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in response to Question 4:

| | Total Transportation Expenses | Total Lodging Expenses | Total Meal Expenses | Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description) |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Traveler | \$6,999.08 | \$1,487.00 | \$655.05 | \$2,011.96 (breakdown attached) |
| Accompanying Relative | | | | |

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. (Signify statement is true by checking box): ☒

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name: Richard Fishman Title: Executive Director

Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

I am an officer of the above-named organization (signify statement is true by checking box): ☒

Address: 251 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20001

Telephone number: (202) 639-5233

Email Address: rfishman@aiefdn.org

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at (202) 225-7103.

American Israel Education Foundation
Senior Foreign Policy Seminar in Israel
April 29 – May 5, 2013

Breakdown of Other Expenses

Security - \$678.77 per person

-AIEF considers the security of its trip participants as its highest priority. A security team accompanies all participants throughout the trip.

Tour Guide - \$236.75 per person

-As a detailed historical understanding is crucial to maximizing the educational aspect of the trip, a licensed tour guide accompanies the group throughout the trip.

Speaker Fees - \$137.52 per person

-Honoraria for guest speakers

Room Rentals - \$272.36 per person

-The cost of renting rooms at hotels and restaurants for meetings and meals with speakers.

Tips - \$62.46 per person

-It is customary to tip the driver and tour guide that accompany trip participants.

Tour Guide/Driver/Speaker Hotels and Meals - \$287.10 per person

Photographer - \$280.53 per person

Other - \$56.47 per person

-Water, snacks

-Briefing materials

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Brend Sherman
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation
3. Travel destination(s): Israel
4. a. Date of departure April 29 Date of return: May 5 2013
 b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a relative at the sponsor's expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 b. If yes:
 (1) Name of accompanying relative: _____
 (2) Relationship to traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
 (3) Accompanying relative is at least 18 years of age: ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(d) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent and you are requesting lodging for two nights)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 b. If yes, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:

7. Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: ☐ Yes ☐ No
 NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.
Member serves on the House Foreign Affairs committee and is Ranking Democrat on the Terrorism and Nonproliferation Subcommittee.
9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, and/or arranging the trip? ☐ Yes ☒ No

10. FOR STAFF TRAVELERS:

TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: _____

Signature of Employing Member

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee Web site (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒
3. Check only one: I represent that:
 - a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip ☒ or
 - b. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities ☐ or
 - c. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds. ☐
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):
Please see attached
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
6. Date of departure: April 29, 2013 Date of return: May 5, 2013
7.
 - a. City of departure: Washington, DC
 - b. Destination(s): Tel Aviv
 - c. City of return: Washington, DC
8. I represent that (check one of the following):
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ or
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: ☒ or
 - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐
9. Check one of the following:
 - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above: ☒
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging: ☐
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: ☐ or
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights: ☐
If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: _____

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees) (indicate agenda is attached by checking box): ☒

11. Check one:

- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒ or
b. N/A - trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

12. For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

AIEF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the fundamental purpose of educating policy makers and opinion leaders about the U.S.-Israel relationship. AIEF is solely responsible for recruiting, coordinating, executing and funding all aspects of the trip.

13. Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.

- a. Mode of travel: Air ☒ Rail ☐ Bus ☐ Car ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: _____)
b. Class of travel: Coach ☐ Business ☒ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: _____)
c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒

15. I represent that either (check one of the following):

- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☐ or

- b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation: ☒

If "b" is checked:

1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \$120

2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____

The trip will take place in Israel in order to educate members of Congress and Congressional staff about the U.S.-Israel relationship.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel name: King David City: Jerusalem Cost per night: \$388

Reason(s) for selecting: location and affordability

Hotel name: Sheraton City: Tel Aviv Cost per night: \$291

Reason(s) for selecting: location and affordability

Hotel name: _____ City: _____ Cost per night: _____

Reason(s) for selecting: _____

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

| <input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates | Total Transportation Expenses per Participant | Total Lodging Expenses per Participant | Total Meal Expenses per Participant |
|---|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| For each Member, Officer, or employee | \$6281 air / \$659 ground | \$1746 | \$600 |
| For each accompanying relative | n/a | n/a | n/a |

| | Other Expenses (dollar amount per item) | Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.) |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| For each Member, Officer, or employee | \$5013.51 | Please see attached for breakdown |
| For each accompanying relative | n/a | n/a |

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19. Check one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below. ☒ or
b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. ☒

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name: Richard Fishman

Title: Executive Director

Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

Address: 251 H Street NW, Washington DC, 20001

Telephone number: (202) 639-5233

Email address: rfishman@aiefdn.org

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

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Washington, DC 20515
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(202) 225-7392 (general fax)

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The Honorable Brad Sherman
U.S. House of Representatives
2242 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Israel¹ scheduled for April 29 to May 5, 2013, sponsored by the American Israel Education Foundation.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$350 from a single source on Schedule VII of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act, gifts "of minimal value [currently \$350] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of \$350 received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

¹ We note that the U.S. Department of State issued a warning about travel to Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza on December 20, 2012. Travel Warning U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_5841.html. You may wish to contact the State Department regarding the safety of your proposed trip.

The Honorable Brad Sherman
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If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of K. Michael Conaway in dark ink.

K. Michael Conaway M.C.
Chairman

Handwritten signature of Linda T. Sanchez in dark ink.

Linda T. Sanchez
Ranking Member

KMC/LTS:kd

Itinerary

MONDAY, APRIL 29

10:40 PM Depart Newark

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

4:20 PM Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport
Transfer to Jerusalem
Check-in to the King David Hotel

7:15 PM **Setting the Stage**
Welcome and Orientation
- at the hotel, Ambassador Garden

7:30 PM **The Middle East Today**
Dinner and discussion with Dr. Tal Becker
Principal Deputy Legal Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- at the hotel, Ambassador Garden

9:15 PM **U.S. Middle East Policy**
Coffee with the Honorable Daniel Shapiro
U.S. Ambassador to Israel
- at the hotel, Ambassador Garden

10:15 PM Overnight at the King David Hotel

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

7:45 AM Breakfast served

8:00 AM **Israeli Politics Primer**
with David Horovitz
Editor, The Times of Israel
- at the hotel, Olive Room

9:15 AM **Terror Financing**
Meeting with Col. Udi Levy, Senior Analyst,
Avi Vishnevitz, Financial Advisor and
Gilad Atar, Head of Analysis Department, National Security Council
- at the hotel, Olive Room

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11:30 AM Yad Vashem – Wreath Laying Ceremony

12:15 PM Lunch
-at MachneYuda

1:45 PM Depart for hotel

2:30 PM **Lawfare: The New Battleground**
Meeting with Col. (ret.) Daniel Reisner
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5:00 PM Meeting with the Honorable Binyamin Netanyahu
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- at the Prime Minister's office

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-at Bakery 29

9:00 PM Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

THURSDAY, MAY 2

7:30 AM Breakfast on own at the hotel

8:30 AM Depart hotel

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| 9:15 AM | The Incitement Index Meeting with Brig.-Gen. (Res.) Yossi Kuperwasser Director General, Ministry of International Affairs and Strategy - at the Ministry of Defense |
| 10:15 AM | View from the Ministry of Defense Meeting with the Honorable Moshe "Bogie" Yaalon Minister of Defense - at the Ministry of Defense |
| 12:00 PM | The Role of Technology and Innovation in Defense Visit to the Israeli Intelligence Forces "8200 Unit" and briefing Lunch with soldiers |
| 1:30 PM | Depart |
| 2:45 PM | Visit to Iron Dome - at Israeli Air Force Base in Sderot |
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| 6:00 PM | Defensible Borders - Bird's Eye View Briefing atop the Azrieli tower |
| 6:45 PM | Dinner - at the City Center Crown Plaza Hotel |
| 8:00 PM | Depart for the Ministry of Defense |
| 8:30 PM | Intelligence Assessment Meeting with Brig.-Gen. Eli Ben Meir Chief IDF Intelligence Officer - at the Ministry of Defense |
| 9:30 PM | Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel |

FRIDAY, MAY 3

Check out
Breakfast on own at the hotel

8:00 AM Travel to Jerusalem

9:30 AM **View from the U.S. Consulate**
Meeting with the Honorable Michael Ratney
U.S. Consul General
- at the U.S. Consulate in Jerusalem

10:30 AM Depart for the King David Hotel

11:00 AM **View from the Opposition**
Meeting with the Honorable Isaac "Bougie" Herzog
Member of Knesset, Labor Party
- at the hotel, Olive Room

12:00 PM Lunch
-at the hotel, Olive Room

12:30 PM Depart for Ramallah

1:30 PM Meeting with the Honorable Mahmoud Abbas
President, the Palestinian Authority
- at his office in Ramallah

3:00 PM Depart for Jerusalem

4:00 PM Return to the King David hotel

6:30 PM **Welcoming the Sabbath**
- at the Western Wall

7:30 PM Depart

8:00 PM **Reflection on the Sabbath in Jerusalem**
Sabbath Eve dinner and discussion with Martin and Rivka Rapaport
- at the Rapaport home in Jerusalem

10:00 PM Overnight at the King David Hotel

SATURDAY, MAY 4

9:00 AM Breakfast with the Honorable Salaam Fayaad
Prime Minister, the Palestinian Authority
-at the hotel, Olive Room

11:30 AM **Start Up Nation**
Meeting with Jon Medved
CEO, CrowdSource
-at the hotel, Olive Room

1:00 PM Check out

1:30 PM Lunch
-at Magda

3:00 PM Depart for Israel's border with the Gaza Strip

4:15 PM **Life Under the Threat of Qassam Rockets**
Meeting with Chen Abrahams
Resident of Kibbutz Kfar Aza
- at Kfar Aza

5:15 PM Overlook into Gaza

6:00 PM Depart for dinner

7:00 PM **The U.S.-Israel Relationship: Bringing it all Together**
Closing dinner
- at Ester's

9:00 AM Depart for airport

11:10 PM Flight departs

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